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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Boulevard Theater, also known as Hoyt's Cinema, is located at 317 East Main Street in the center of the downtown business district of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The single-story, stuccoed front brick theater faces south.

Built in 1946-47, the single-story brick theater consists of a large single-story center block with parapet walls, which is flanked by three-bay side wings with stepped parapets in descending height from the center block. The center block has a metal and glass marquee fixed atop multiple metal and glass doors. Ticket booths to each side of the entrances are incorporated in curved glass block walls that connect the recessed entrance doors to the outer plane of the theater walls. Fixed atop the main marquee is a vertical sign of metal and neon labeled "Movies 6." The wall surface above the marquee is covered with a smooth stucco with a linear border. The top of the main block has a slightly stepped parapet. To each side of the main block are three-bay wings marked by an asymmetrical series of entrances and secondary marquee cases. A metal awning that stretches the full front of the side wings is supported by metal anchors set into the wall. The wall surfaces above the awning are treated with the same stuccoed surface as the main block with a repeating linear design. The top of the wall is finished with a stepped parapet in descending height from the main block.

The north side of the main block is an unstuccoed eight-course common bond wall with double door entrances at each end. In addition to the metal double doors are metal downspouts that drain water from the sloping roof behind the parapet walls. A single-flue brick furnace stack rises above the parapet wall.

The interior has retained some of its 1940s Art Deco inspired décor. Cat-tails executed in a stylized Art Deco design highlight some of the wall surfaces.

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Entrance to the Boulevard is unusual in that there are two box offices, in glass brick, at either side of the lobby, separated by a wide panel of plate glass doors. Large mirrors add to the lobby's size.

The mezzanine lounge is reached by wide, open staircases in natural wood at each side of the lobby. Here also the lighting is concealed, being accentuated by illuminated glass brick.

A bright, futuristic mural is the center point of the lounge decoration. Drinking fountains and rest rooms are located off the lounge and access to the balcony is by a wide center stairway.

The theater will hold open house from 2 to 4. p.m. Sunday afternoon and at the same hours Monday.

At the opening night performance Monday, and through next week, a special sound film of Governor Preston Lane will be shown. The film was made in honor of the Boulevard opening.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Wicomico County Land Records, various volumes, Wicomico County Courthouse.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property
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Quadrangle name

3.360 square feet
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Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian			
organization	Private Consultant	date	3/28/2001	
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Contests, Fireworks And Refreshments Feature Annual Program

Wicomico county kids will get their chance to howl next week when the Salisbury Junior Chamber of Commerce and Chamber of Commerce stage their second annual July Fourth children's party in Municipal Park.

The two chambers are advertising "a full day of fun," and are prepared to back it up with a round of 12 contests, free fireworks, a hand concert and all the fem and lemonade the its can guzzle. First aid stations will be provided for children the over-enjoy themselves.

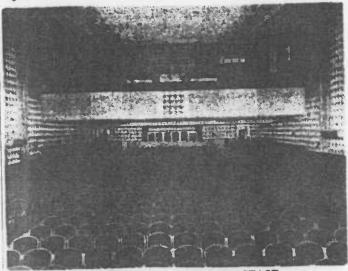
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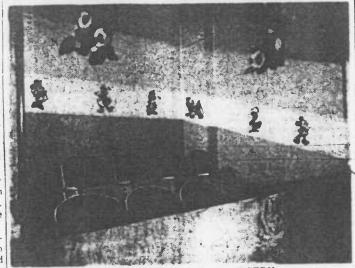
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Truman Plea To Unions, Management Asks For Cooperation

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CIO President Philip Murray convened his 51-member executive board to hear an up-to-the-minute size-up of the new statute as compiled by the labor organization's entire legal staff. Attorneys for each of the 49 CIO unions met here yesterday with general counsel Lee Pressman.

Both the AFL and the CIO have rejected the idea of general protest strikes, although AFL President William Green told reporters yesterday that unions throughout the nation were urging him to call one to last "until the act is repealed."

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U.S. To Give China Ammunition

Washington, June 27-(AP)-The United States has agreed to turn over to China 130,000,000 rounds of surplus rifle ammunition for weapons of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's troops,

State Department officials told reporters that the Nanking for government has been authorized to purchase other military supplies from American private Forei manufacturers.

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U.S. Ready To Quit Coal Mines

Pittsburgh, June 27-(AP)-With nearly two-thirds of the nation's miners on strike and a fuel shortage pinching steel mills and railroads, the government prepared for an exit from the soft coal husiness at midnight tonight.

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THE WALLS are draped in subdued spun glass cloth, indirectly lighted. Wall wings bring the walls in toward the stage in illuminated, curved sections. Aisle carpeting is a pix n design in mines, symbols of government op-

Entrance to the Boulevard is offices, in glass brick, at either pay granted in their contract with Sentence In Jail T. Grier, historian; side of the lobby, separated by a t, may, serg ant-at-arms; wide panel of plate glass doors, ion. was Harry H Biskovitch, semior color Large mirrors add to the labby's

The mezzanine lounge is reach-Topies Goddes, Stout, Purnell and Grier are World ed by wide, open staircases in natural wood at each side of the lobby Veterans of the first war took Here also the lighting is conthe cost treasurer; four out of five seats on the exe- cealed, being accentuated by illuminated glass brick.

A bright, futuristic mural is the center point of the lounge decoration. Drinking fountains and rest rooms are located off the lounge and access to the balcony

The theater will hold open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon and at the same hours Monday.

At the opening night performance Monday, and through next week, a special aound film of Gov- contract between the mine owners ernor William Preston Lane will and the AFL-United Mine Workbe shown. The film was made ers has been signed. The miners in honor of the Boulevard open- have always maintained "no con-

Foster Takes Over As Head

Or Datage Afraged Freight Boot

[Corp., which will Mr. Truman formally pledged

a spirit of tolerance and falr play. Neither management nor labor will have common frontiers. achieve any long-range benefit by seeking to use the provisions of neutral commission or commission-The ceiling of the auditorium is this act to galn unfair advantage er to be sent to the area for a or to sustain arbitrary attitudes."

Ouit Coal Mines

Pittsburgh, June 27-(AP)-With nearly two-thirds of the nation's miners on strike and a fuel shortage-pinching steel milis and railroads, the government prepared for an exit from the soft . What to do about the sltuacoal business at midnight tonight.

Actually the U. S. flags at the eration, will not be lowered until Monday noon, but tonight the min-Members of the Junior Chamber off co. J. Edgar Purnell, finance unusual in that there are two box ers begin a 10-day vacation with the naval coal mines administrat-

The government took over the coal had been dug for 59 days.

The present walkout dated only a "death sentence." from last Monday when Congress Even as the colorful 72-years frame protest against the new law, had office while he is behind bars. grown to more than a quarter of

will happen next July 8 when the miners' vacation ends. No wage him to resume his duties as soon tract, no work."

| Soviet | He is exp majority findings that that despite the enactment of the satelites were primarily to blame for semi Unusual features are nursery Taft-Hartley law over his veto, he for the continuing Balkan disor-

> Austin at the same time proposed government "Insofar as management and la- formally that the council approve nations hor are concerned," he deciared, the commission's recommendations interest for U. N. machinery to keep a care- for belt on them to comply with the law in ful watch over the troubled sone cover the where the four Balkan neighbors

His proposal called for either a minimum of two years, with in- line with structions to report to the Security by Mars Council at least once every three versity :

As the council entered this new phase of the Balkan problem, it had two major questions to anawer:

Whether to uphoid the findings of the commission, which it created last December to make an on the spot investigation.

tion, which every delegate agreed and of was a potential source of much must f future trouble.

Boston Mayor Begins

Danbury, Conn., June 27-(AP) James M. Curley, a substitute thorita already vested with his powers States mines during another strike-on as mayor of Boston, began today nation May 21, 1946, after little or no a six to 18 months term for mail conclu fraud-a punishment he likened to Europ

overrode President Truman's veto old Boston politician was being of the Taft-Hartley labor bill, sped to the federal correctional clusion Within a few hours several thous- institution here last- night, the at in and miners had left the pits; Massachusetts legislature enacted Britls today the number idle, mainly in emergency legislation to fill his Clayto

City Clerk John B. Hynes was a million scattered over 11 states, seated as Boston's acting mayor retar; The return of the nation's 2, during Curley's enforced absence. 500 mines in 22 states will leave The legislators rebuffed an atstill unsolved the problem of what tempt to deprive Curley of his salary while jailed, and authorized as he is released on parole.

Curley entered the prison at 10 p.m., arriving here from Washington, where Federal Judge James M. Proctor dashed his isting hopes for continued liberty by rejecting a plea for clemency sugge based on grounds of ill health.

"You are sentencing me to from death!" the veteran political boss tion

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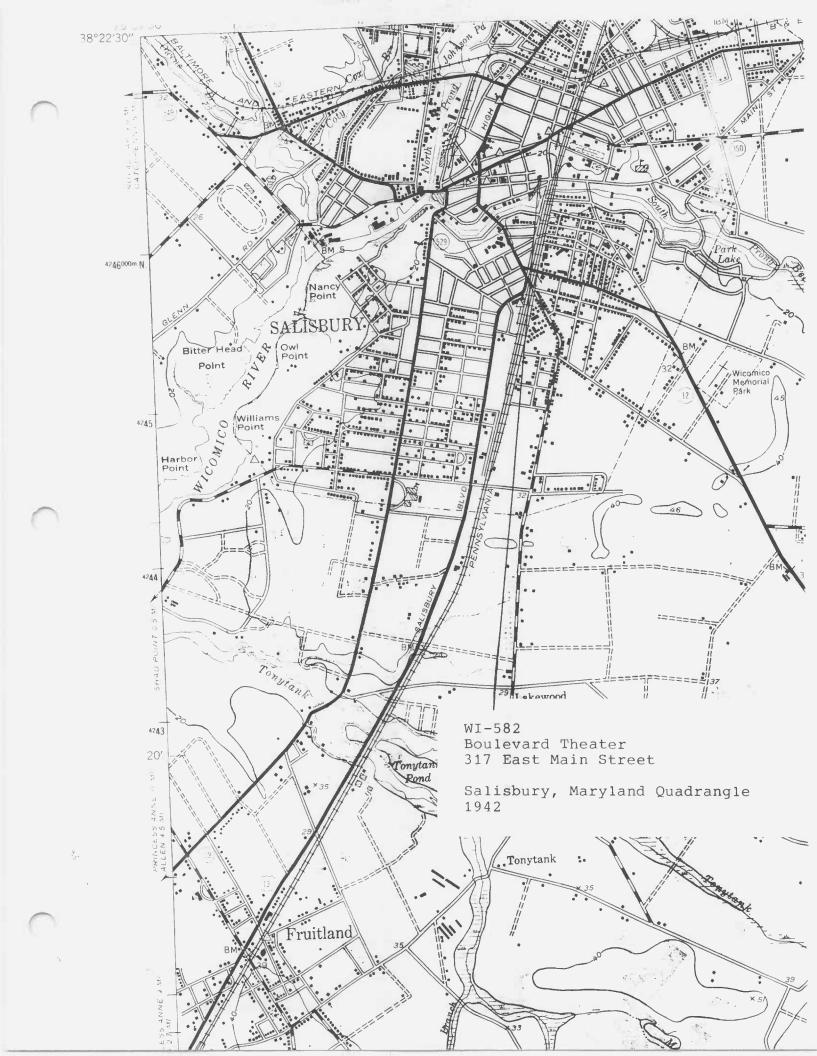
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